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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NOTE
NO. FLO-1333 WITH REGARD TO RAISING THE LEVEL OF LIABILITY
OF OPERATORS FROM DOLLARS TEN MILLION TO DOLLARS 20.
MILLION (ATTACHMENT BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT).

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
DEPARTMENT'S NOTE NO. FLO-1280 OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976,
CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 31, 1976 BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND CERTAIN OPERATORS WITH
RESPECT TO THE DRILLING PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BY THE OPERA-
TORS ON THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE OFFSHORE BOUNDARY IN
THE BEAUFORT SEA. THE OBJECT OF THIS AGREEMENT IS TO
AFFORD POTENTIAL UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS ADEQUATE REMEDIES
AGAINST THE OPERATORS FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED AS A RESULT
OF AN OIL SPILL OCCURRING IN CANADIAN WATERS IN THE
BEAUFORT SEA.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE ON CANADA'S PART TO
MEET, AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE, THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY
THE UNITED STATES DURING THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
HAS NEGOTIATED A NEW AGREEMENT AND INDEMNITY BOND WITH
THE OPERATORS DATED JULY 15, 1977, ATTACHED HERETO,

RAISING THE LEVEL OF LIABILITY OF THE OPERATORS FROM THE
PREVIOUS AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TEN MILLION TO DOLLARS 20
MILLION. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, THE AGREEMENT AND THE
INDEMNITY BOND ARE IDENTICAL TO THE AGREEMENT AND BOND OF
JULY 31, 1976, FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE DEPART-
MENT'S NOTE NO. FLO-1280 OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976.
COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT. ENDERS

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